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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PINT NU OAS ES
SUBJ: NICARAGUA-VENEVUELAN INITIATIVE FOR MEETING OF FOREIGN
MINISTERS

REF: STATE 231766

1. IN ACCORDANCE REFTTEL, I THIS MORNING CONTACTED ACTING
FONMIN (AND THROUGH HIM PRESIDENT ROMERO) TO STATE THAT IN
VIEW OF MOST RECENT DEVELOPMENTS WE SAW COSTA RICAN MEDIATION
EFFORT AS HAVING COLLAPSED, NEW SITUATION CONFRONTING US,
TRANS-BORDER HOSTILITIES OF NICARAGUA AND COSTA RICA
AS CONSTITUTING NEW AND MORE SERIOUS THREAT TO PEACE OF
THE HEMISPHERE, AND GREATER REASON FOR CONVOKING MFM.
I STRESSED IMPLICATIONS FOR OVER-ALL SECURITY OF CENTRAL
AMERICA, NEED FOR CENTRAL AMERICANS TO ACT ON THEIR OWN
BEHALF, AND DESIRABILITY OF LARGEST POSSIBLE VOTE FOR
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CONVOCATION OF MFM.

2. ACTING FONMIN REPLIED THAT GOES WAS ALREADY RESTUDYING
ITS POSITION IN LIGHT OF MOST RECENT DEVELOPMENTS AND
WOULD TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION OUR VIEWS AND COMMENTS.
HE PROMISED TO BE IN TOUCH WITH ME AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

3. LATE THIS AFTERNOON, ACTING FONMIN TELEPHONED ME TO SAY OUR VIEWS HAD BEEN FULLY CONVEYED TO PRESIDENT ROMERO. GOES HAD ALSO BEEN IN TOUCH WITH MAZZINI, AMBASSADOR TO OAS IN WASHINGTON. NO DECISION HAD YET BEEN TAKEN. MATTER REMAINS UNDER STUDY. MAZZINI INDICATES OAS DECISION LIKELY TO BE PUT OFF FROM FRIDAY, SEPT 15, TO SOME DAY NEXT WOEK. GOES WELCOMES THIS AS AFFORDING MORE TIME TO EVALUATE SITUATION AND COME TO CORRECT DECISION. GOES, AND TO SOME EXTENT GUATEMALA, ARE WONDERING IF IT MIGHT NOT BE ADVISABLE TO NAME AN INVESTIGATING GROUP TO STUDY ACTUAL FACTS AND THEN INFORM OAS SO THAT LATTER MAY BE ASSISTED IN COMING TO CORRECT DECISION.

4. ACTING FONMIN SAID MATTER REMAINS UNDER STUDY AT HIGHEST LEVEL HERE, THAT THERE IS AS YET NO DECISION, AND THAT VVIWILL CONTACT ME AS SOON AS GOES COURSE OF ACTION HAS BEEN DECIDED UPON.
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